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### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 8, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Fig. 2 is a diagram showing~~ Figs. 2A-2D show flow cytometry data of the same cell population derived from the saturated zone of a hydrocarbon-contaminated site before staining with the fluorescent dye Fluorescein DHPE; and

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 8, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Fig. 3 is a diagram showing~~ Figs. 3A-3D show flow cytometry data of the same cell population derived from the saturated zone of a hydrocarbon-contaminated site after staining with the fluorescent dye Fluorescein DHPE.